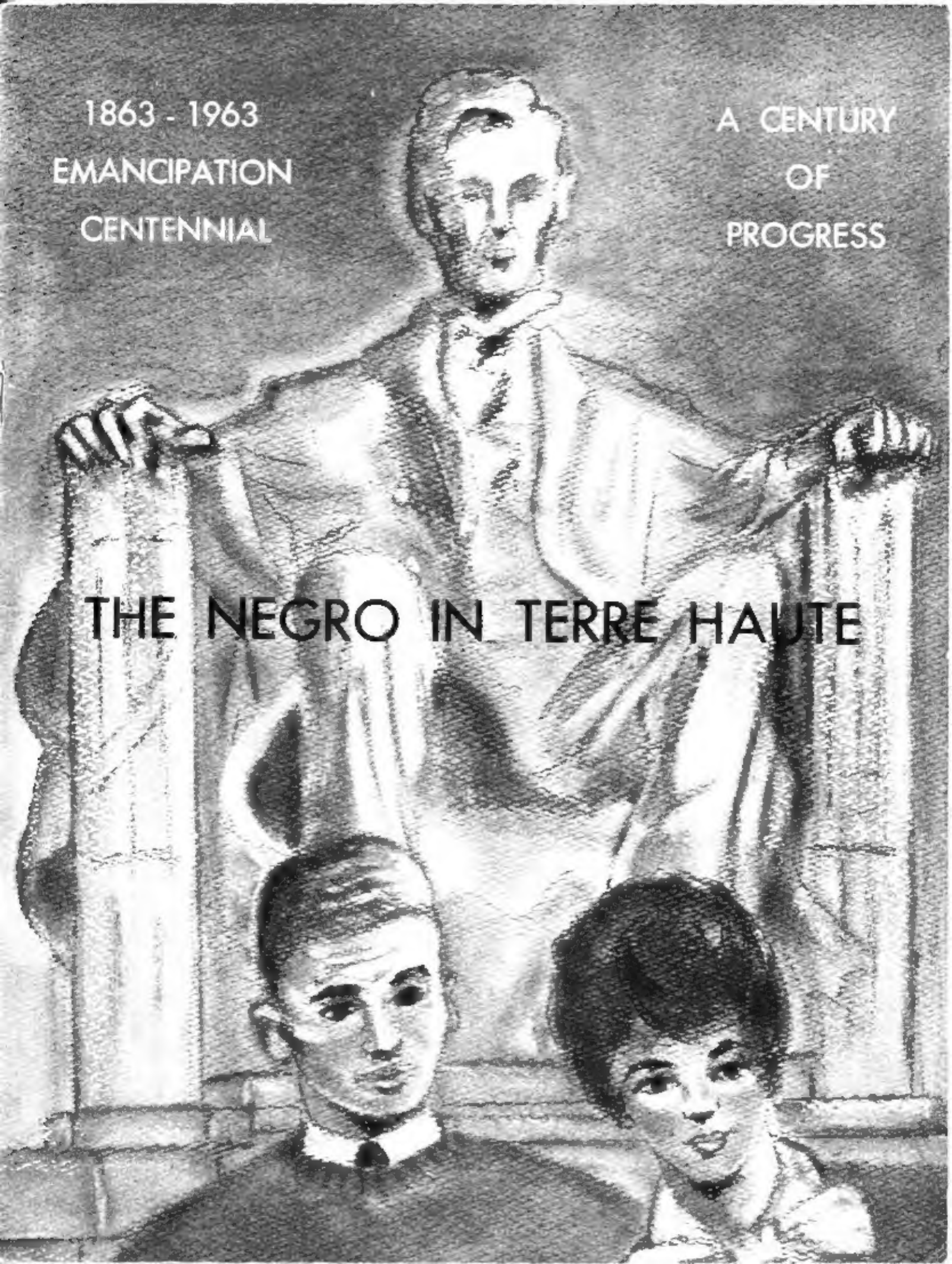


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"... Race has no place in American life or law."

John F. Kennedy
President of the United States

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MEDGAR EVERS MEMORIAL MARCH
June 15, 1963



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Participants in Freedom March, Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963

FOREWORD

The search for Freedom and the desire for Progress are not unique to the Negro. Through the centuries races of man have worked, fought, and travelled many lands in an effort to find the elusive "land of Freedom." Why? What is Freedom, why is it so cherished, why will men fight, accept imprisonment, even die for it? It is a multi-faceted jewel easily taken for granted by those who have it, but highly prized by those who yearn for it. It includes the right to worship, or not worship; the right to work commensurate with your abilities, or not to work; the right to vote, or not to vote; the right to speak out, or not to speak at all. It is the **RIGHT TO MAKE A CHOICE**, good or bad solely on the basis of individual worth and within the framework of society's laws by which man must live if he is to survive.

Freedom, granted by Presidential proclamation signed on Jan. 1, 1863 is not Freedom in fact as countless thousands of Negroes are denied the right to exercise the vote, the right to equal job opportunity, the right to adequate housing, and the right to attend schools and churches of their choice. We have only to read the newspapers to see these abuses chronicled in dramatic fashion not only in the South, but in all areas of this great country.

Giant strides have been made toward eliminating these abuses, however, much remains to be done before true Freedom is attained. Progress of the Negro in the fight for Freedom is not recent although it has been more spectacular, and the results have been more noteworthy in recent years. This progress has not just happened. Such successes that have been achieved are the results of the untiring efforts of countless thousands, Negroes and

Whites, dedicated to the full meaning of Freedom and Progress.

National efforts toward full Freedom and Progress are the sum total of the efforts of many communities; large and small. Terre Haute has made and is making steady progress toward realizing the individual worth and dignity of all its citizens. This has not occurred overnight. It has been a long, hard, and often discouraging climb. In years past, our local efforts have been primarily of an individual nature. Such stalwarts as Leroy Stokes, Evangeline Harris Merriweather, Oscar Hammons, Ernest Meyzeek, Joseph Jackson, Stella Horne, Grace Evans, and many others will long be remembered for their untiring efforts in the fight for Freedom in this community. More recently the organizational skill of the local NAACP and the efforts of others have made new inroads in the fight for equal opportunity.

It would be impossible to enumerate all those who have gone before us and those today who are achieving in our local community. In the pages that follow, however, we will pictorially portray some of those who have made and are making contributions to our community. Our purpose is not to single out those deserving of praise. Many of them must thank many others for their successes. This publication is meant to give heart and encouragement to our leaders of tomorrow; the young Negro members of our community who now believe it necessary to leave Terre Haute if they are to find satisfying employment, adequate housing, or fulfillment as citizens in a truly free community.

It is to these young people and to those who have contributed so much in the past that this publication is humbly dedicated.

whom it may

Concern:

Pay Bounty &
Bonds to Law



Know ye, That Lewis Anderson

Private of Captain Oliver H. McHenry's
Company. (A.) 25th Regiment of U. S. Colored Troops
VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the fourteenth day of February
one thousand eight hundred and sixty five to serve Nine years or
during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States
this 17th day of November, 1865, at Camp Sherman
Ohio by reason of Services no longer required.
(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said Lewis Anderson was born in
in the State of North Carolina, is 39 years of age.
five feet six inches high. Dark complexion, dark eyes,
black hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Camp Sherman Ohio this 17th day of
November 1865

See - This certificate will be issued should there be anything
in the contract or physical condition of the soldier
rendering him unfit for the service

Wm. H. H. H.
Capt. 28th Regt.
Comd'g Co,

W. Harold
Secy. A. M. D. & C.
Overseeing the Regt.
M. C.

CIVIL WAR DISCHARGE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HISTORY OF TERRE HAUTE, VIGO AND ADJOINING COUNTIES

The state of Indiana is said to be "A Child of the South." Prior to the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 it was more pro-slavery than any of the states carved from the Northwest Territory where slavery was prohibited. Most of the early settlers came from slave holding states and many of them brought their slaves with them just as they did their domestic animals. The Territorial legislature enacted laws which permitted virtual slavery in the Territory prior to statehood.

During the period when many fugitive slaves were crossing the state through Vigo and adjoining counties on their way to freedom in Canada, many agents of the Underground Railroad living in Terre Haute, and the Underwood and Lost Creek Settlements assisted them.

Before the Civil War, Negroes living in the State were not regarded as citizens and they suffered some of the same disabilities as did their brothers in the South. Their children could not attend the public schools, they were not allowed to vote, to hold office, to serve on juries, in the militia, or to give testimony in court in cases involving a white person. Marriage between Negroes and Whites was prohibited under severe penalties. (A Negro was a person with one eighth or more Negro blood).

The Emancipation Proclamation and the adoption of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments abolished slavery, and led to the attainment of civil and political rights by Indiana Negroes. While the Proclamation had little effect

on the Negroes of the state since slavery had ceased to exist many years before, it was hailed with joy by Negroes throughout the state. It brought an end to their ever present fear of being kidnapped by white unprincipled miscreants and sold into slavery.

After the Proclamation, Indiana opened enlistments in the Union Army to Negroes and many living in the Terre Haute area joined the army. The percentage of those who joined to the total Negro population was very high.

Following the Civil War, in 1866, the Indiana Supreme Court, in the case of Smith vs Moody, ruled that Negroes were citizens, and that Article XIII of the Indiana Constitution, which forbade Negroes from coming into the state, was null and void.

In 1885 the state legislature enacted a law that prohibited discrimination on account of race in inns, restaurants, barbershops, theaters, public conveyances, and other places of public accommodation. It proved to be weak and was seldom enforced.

With the rise of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's as a power in politics, there was a marked increase in segregation in some parts of the state.

Through the years the Terre Haute Branch of the NAACP has become increasingly active in fighting all forms of segregation; particularly in the field of employment. Many of those pictured in our Occupational section have been aided through the efforts of the NAACP.

HISTORY MAKERS

A CENTURY OF NEGRO PROGRESS IN THE VIGO COUNTY AREA

Those worthy of being called "History Makers," have left, or will have left, "Footprints on the sands of time."

The theme, that correlates every bit of information in our book, is progress; a progress which began, even before the fleet-footed refugees fled the slave plantations in search of a haven of freedom in Canada.

To them, like to all human beings, slavery, with all of its resultant evils, was a distasteful and unnatural way of life.

We hope this book will be helpful in answering the many inquiries, as to what has been done during these one hundred years, about such repugnant conditions.

The earliest pioneers, coming this way, were interested in agriculture. Bowen Roberts, who was sent by some free Negroes of North Carolina, to locate a suitable place for settlement, recommended Lost Creek Township. This was around 1829. By the year of 1832, Kinchin Roberts and Jerry Anderson were engaged in the development of the Lost Creek Settlement.

All of the early Negro settlers were not from the East. Many slave refugees crossed the Ohio River, and came by way of the Underground Railroad. (See "Underground Railroad Station" report at the Historical Museum and also at the Public Library).

Elias Lindley, one of these, who boasted of having "Joined the bird company," and having fled a Kentucky slave plantation, became owner and operator of a 200 acre farm in Nevins Township, Vigo County. Breeding and training fine race horses was his hobby.

John Bundy, who was a prosperous farmer in Honey Creek Township, was probably one of these refugees. He owned one of the three threshing rigs in Vigo County. Unfortunately, Bundy was murdered by an assassin, hired by one of his competitors.

Later, in the Eighties and Nineties, progress in professional areas began to grow. Doctor J. D. Washington, who operated a 400 acre farm in Lost Creek, was a distinguished scholar, attorney, and editor of "The Terre Haute Afro American."

A. E. Meyzeek, who celebrated his 101st birthday, November 5, 1963, was the first Negro principal

in Terre Haute. At present he resides in Louisville, Ky. where he became a prominent school official.

Joseph Jackson, the second principal of Lincoln School and the founder of the Spruce Street A.M.E. Church Community, was an outstanding citizen.

A brilliant college student, Oscar Hammonds, born in Nevins Township, Vigo County, became a distinguished government worker. He was head of the Meteorological Branch, United States Weather Bureau at Reno, Nevada for 40 years.

Leroy Stokes, a student in the Terre Haute High School, (now Wiley) was the first colored valedictorian in Terre Haute High. He became a noted editorial columnist for the Saint Louis Post Dispatch, and later for some New York papers. Others in the past who have contributed significantly to Negro progress are: Rev. James Henson, noted architect; Grace Wilson Evans, noted for oratorical eloquence and civic achievements; Elijah Parks, successful grocer; Robert McGowan, Clay County Prosecuting Attorney; Dr. J. O. Oliver, physician, Brazil, Ind.; John Cox, Mine foreman, Brazil, Ind. The above are only a few of the many worthy of mention.

In the Twenties when professional interest among Colored people was reaching gigantic proportions, an organized social assault was directed against them. The perpetrators of this hostile racism belonged to an organization founded in 1915, and admitting to its membership none but native born, white, Gentile, Protestant Americans. It campaigned Indiana with more than ordinary success. Its hate sheet, "The Fiery Cross" was a "best seller." Negro Americans were awakened to their peril, and their courageous leaders, "came out fighting." Later this abusive group lost much of its power when its leader, who boasted, "In Indiana, I am the law," was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. This terrible man had never thought of his God, "How Great Thou Art."

This social assault called to the public's attention the abuses which were being heaped upon the Negro race, and brought about an increasing cohesiveness among the Negro people. It intensified the fight for Civil Rights leading to the limited successes we are now achieving. Each responsible citizen; Negro and White, is in the struggle, each must search his conscience, each must take a stand.



MR. MORTON A. LEWIS

Morton A. Lewis, a native of Nevins Township, Vigo County, Indiana, was born November 3, 1878. He attended elementary and secondary schools in Vigo County and received his AB and MA degrees from Indiana State College. He taught for 41 years and was principal at West Building, Franklin, Indiana, and at Lincoln Elementary and Lincoln Jr. High Schools, Terre Haute, Ind. during his professional career.

Mr. Lewis has been quite active in community and civic affairs, and has held the following posts: Secretary of Lost Creek Twp. Unit of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, P.M.A. Agricultural Committeeman Secretary of Lost Creek Twp. Men's Club, Treasurer of the Terre Haute and Vigo County Retired Teachers Association, and is presently Secretary of the Lost Creek Twp. Elementary School Board. He is a Silver Beaver Scout.

He is an accomplished writer and artist. His best known writings are "The Seelyville Story," "Underground Railroad Station," "White Swellin," and "Every Inch a Horse." Two of his best known paintings are "River Town," with a related poem, "A Harbinger of Winter."



MR. JOHN W. LYDA

John W. Lyda, Jr., a native of Sparta, Tennessee was born September 22, 1887. At an early age he moved with his family to Gibson County, Indiana where he received his elementary and secondary education. He attended Indiana University and Indiana State College and earned the AB and MA degrees from the latter institution.

He taught for 44 years in the public schools of Indiana on both the elementary and secondary levels, has been a principal, and a critic teacher for Indiana State College. He has published many articles in professional journals; the most notable of which was "A Self-Rating Scale for Supervisors of Instruction." He is also the author of "The Negro in the History of Indiana," (1953), and "The History of the Eastern Star in Indiana." His works have been well received throughout this country and Europe.

Mr. Lyda has received citations from former Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman for his patriotic service in assisting in the administration of the Selective Service Training Act during World War II.

He continues to be active in the civic and religious activities of the Terre Haute community.



MRS. JANE SHACKELFORD

Jane Dabney Shackelford was born in Logansport, Ind., where she received her elementary and secondary education. She received her AB degree from Indiana State College and her MA degree from Columbia University.

She taught for 42 years in the public school system of Terre Haute before her recent retirement. She published her first book, "The Child Story of the Negro" in 1938. This was the first book written about Negroes for the primary grades and it has enjoyed world wide circulation. She also wrote "My Happy Days" in 1944.

She has served as a Girl Scout Leader, secretary of the Teachers Association of Terre Haute, and has been active in the civic affairs of the community. A few of her many accomplishments and affiliations are: Member of the Association of Childhood Education; Life member of the Academy of Political Science, Life Fellow of the International Institute of Arts and Letters, Honorary Life member of the International Mark Twain Society, and listed in Who's Who of American Women in the Midwest.



Ceremony honoring Messrs. A. E. Myzeck and Joseph Jackson, pioneers in the field of education in the Terre Haute area.

The following are but a few of the many who have left Terre Haute and achieved prominence in the field of education.

Dr. Martin Jenkins, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., President Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., was principal speaker at Terre Haute Emancipation Centennial Observance on November 15, 1963. Dr. Jenkins, a noted educator, has held many Government consultant positions, has written extensively, and is a noted authority in the field of Education.

John Wesley Lyda, A.B., M.A., Ph.D., son of Professor John W. Lyda, is a noted educator, and has served with distinction in several of our Universities.

Warren Anderson, A.B., M.A., is the brother of Dr. Lewis Anderson of Terre Haute. He is presently principal of Roosevelt High School, Gary, Indiana,

and was the first Negro member of the Indiana State Board of Education.

Mrs. Gladys Johnson, A.S., B.Sc., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orestes Hood of Terre Haute. She is currently the principal of Garnett Elementary School, Gary, Ind.

Warren Ross, B.Sc., is a Science teacher in Detroit, Michigan. He was an outstanding athlete at Indiana State College. He is also in charge of the Holmes Youth Center in Detroit.

Mrs. Eunice Ross, B.Sc., M.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Lewis, is a teacher in the Cleveland, Ohio Public School System.

THE NEGRO AND EDUCATION IN THE TERRE HAUTE COMMUNITY

Negroes in the Terre Haute community were not admitted to public schools until 1869. Prior to that time their thirst for knowledge led to the formation of subscription schools in Negro churches or private homes. To supplement this teaching part of the time usually allotted to Sunday School was given to basic academic subjects.

In 1869 when Negroes were admitted to public schools it was on a segregated basis. In 1877 segregation in the public schools of Indiana became official and in 1949 the state legislature enacted a law abolishing racial segregation in the operation of public schools by 1951.

These early Negro schools functioned as they were, a church building with the young teachers and usually paid teachers. Little is known of the activities of Negroes in the Terre Haute community until the late 1800s when the Terre Haute area was a part of the Cincinnati and Washington

Worshiping Negro students after the Civil War. Negro teachers were employed in the schools. In 1877 a law was passed in Indiana which required all schools to be open to all races. In 1890 the state legislature passed a law which required all schools to be open to all races. In 1890 the state legislature passed a law which required all schools to be open to all races. In 1890 the state legislature passed a law which required all schools to be open to all races.



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Seated Left to right: Mesdames Carolyn Roberts, Libran Stuart, Katherine Jones, Marie Chandler. Standing Left to right: Mesdames Patricia Brewer, Mary Helen Collins, Mr. J. Allen Parks, Principal, Mrs. Laura Taylor.



MARGUERITE TAYLOR
Garfield H.S.



EDITH BIGHAM
McLean Jr. H.S.



DR. JAMES CONYERS Ph.D.
Indiana State College

Dr. Conyers is the first Negro member of the academic staff at Indiana State College where he is an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Dr. Conyers received his A.B. degree from Morehouse College, and his M.A. degree from Atlanta University. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Washington State University in 1962. He formerly taught at LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn., and was a half-time Teaching Fellow at Washington State University. He is a member of several professional societies and has published articles in professional journals.



AVON GILLESPIE
Schulte H.S.



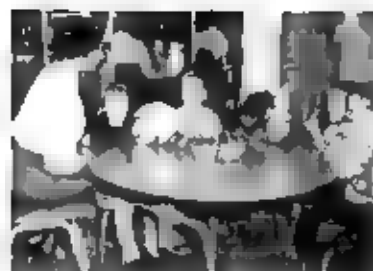
LLOYD ROBBS



MRS. DOLLY HOOVER
and
MRS. PAUL TAYLOR
Indiana State College



MRS. BERTHA ROMBY
Art Instructor



JOSEPHINE E. HARROD
Speech Therapist



MRS. NILA MANCINI
Formerly Principal at Highland School
Rea School



EDWARD RUSSELL
Woodrow Wilson



WYNONA OWENS
Lange School



BEULAH EDWARDS
Lost Creek School



MERLE SHEPPARD
Lost Creek School



VERNONA STEWART
Meadow School



ADELAIDE SHELTON
Thompson School

Not Shown Patricia Bristol - Franklin School
Betty Ward Home Bound Teacher

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Emancipation did not bring to the Negro any appreciable degree of freedom from the grinding poverty inherent in his previous condition of servitude. Disease and pestilence are the constant companions of deprivation. As so much of mental and physical health hinges upon physical well-being, we owe a great debt to those who have given their lives to healing, and whose integrity has often been extended beyond what duty requires.

In addition to bringing soundness to sick bodies and providing convalescent accommodations, these

angels of mercy have also doffed the white cloth and taken their place in the ranks of the common folk. And, for too they have rendered the most devoted service to the needs of their people.

Some have been content with the simple ministrations of the sick, others have provided for those who have been afflicted with chronic diseases. Still others will long be remembered for their contributions to education, law enforcement and the protection of life and property in the community. The following are a few of the outstanding health care workers.

DR. J. J. HOOVER, M.D. (1881-1953)

Dr. Hoover began his practice of Medicine in Terre Haute in 1922, after graduating from Alcorn College and McHarry Medical School, Nashville, Tennessee. He operated the Hoover Sanitarium, the first hospital for Negroes in Terre Haute until his death in 1953, and it continued to operate under the direction of his son, Dr. D. A. Hoover, M.D., until 1959. The late Dr. Hoover was very active in the civic affairs of the community. He was a member of the City Board of Health, the Orphan Home physician, and the Terre Haute Police Board.



DOCTOR E. H. SLOSS

The late Dr. E. Herman Sloss, M.D., was the administrator of the Sloss Hospital from 1931 to 1956. In 1956 Dr. Sloss was the recipient of a Ford Foundation Award of \$10,000.00 which was to be used for the betterment and expansion of his hospital. Dr. Sloss died November 19, 1956.





DR. D. A. HOOVER

Dr. Hoover is a member of the AMA, NMA, Indiana State and Vigo County Medical Associations, John A. Andrew Clinical Society, Tuskegee, Ala. and the Homer G. Phillips Hospital Association. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. In addition to his professional affiliations, Dr. Hoover is a member of the City Board of Health, the Harrison Township Physician, City and County Jail Physician, County Home Physician, and he formerly operated the Hoover Sanitarium which is leased and is now an integrated convalescent home.



DOCTOR H. M. S. BRISTOL

Not pictured, Dr. H. M. S. Bristol, M.D. Dr. Bristol is a native of British Guiana, a graduate of Fisk University and Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tenn. He has done Post Graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the current chairman of the Terre Haute Committee of the United Negro College Fund.



DOCTOR W. A. EDWARDS

Dr. Edwards attended North Carolina A & T College and is a graduate of the Temple University Dental School, Philadelphia, Pa. He is active in the civic affairs of the community and is a member of the Trustee Board of Spruce St. AME Church and former superintendent of the Sunday School. He is presently a member of the Board of Directors, National Foundation for Police and formerly a member of the Board of Directors of the United Fund and the Vigo County Coordinating Council.

DOCTOR G. BELL

Dr. Bell, center, a native Terre Hautean, is a graduate of Garfield High School and the School of Dentistry at Indiana University. He taught at Howard University Dental School, Washington, D.C. for one year, and is now practicing dentistry in Terre Haute. Dr. Bell is a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee appointed by Judge H. Ralph Johnston.

Dr. Bell is best known for his athletic achievements. As a broad jumper, he was undefeated during his college career, and still holds the NCAA Meet Record of 26' 7". He holds many other regional, national and international records, the most notable of which is the Olympic Gold Medal won at Melbourne, Australia in 1956.





DOCTOR L. C. BELL

Dr. Bell is a practicing veterinarian and operates the Bell Pet Clinic. He holds the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University and also studied at Kansas City Junior College, Kansas State Agricultural College, and Wayne University. Long active in civic affairs in this community, Dr. Bell is a member of the executive board of the NAACP; board of directors of the Vigo Chapter of the American Red Cross; and is vice chairman of the Terre Haute Housing Authority.

DOCTOR PAUL TAYLOR

Dr. Paul L. Taylor, local veterinarian, came to Terre Haute in 1956, and has practiced at the Bell Pet Clinic since that time. Since coming to Terre Haute, Dr. Taylor has been quite active in various civic, church, and professional organizations. He is the present Chairman of the executive committee of the NAACP, member of the board of directors of the National Foundation for Polio, and current chairman of the Trustee Board of Second Baptist Church. Dr. Taylor's professional affiliations include memberships in the American Veterinary Medical Association, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, Indiana Public Health Association. He is president of the Seventh District Indiana Veterinary Medical Association.

Taylor is a native of Kentucky. He received the Bachelor of Science degree from Kentucky State College, attended graduate school at the University of Kentucky, and received the degree, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, from Tuskegee Institute. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, and Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Society.



MARY EWING

Nursing

Mrs. Mary Ewing, Registered Nurse, is employed by the Visiting Nurse Association in Public Health. She is a graduate of Virginia Medical College and did Post Graduate Work in Public Health with the Virginia State Health Department. She is a member of the Board of Directors of District #3 Nursing Association, a member of the American Nurses Association, and is affiliated with the National and State League of Nurses. Not shown, Mrs. Frances Mills, also employed by the VNA. Other Registered Nurses not shown include Mrs. Emma Weston, Mrs. Ethel Bell, former instructor at St. Anthony's School of Nursing, Mrs. Clara Bell, and Miss Geroline Martin.

SOCIAL WORK

Mrs. Mary Belle Shackelford is a caseworker for the Vigo County Department of Public Welfare. Her career in Social Work began in 1935 when she became employed by the Governor's Commission on Unemployment Relief. She held this position until 1942 when she began her employment with the local county agency. Other Negro professional members of the Welfare Department staff are Mrs. Ione Sloss, Mrs. Clara Matchem, and Mrs. Thelma Bash.

REHABILITATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

U. S. PENITENTIARY



Chief, Classification -
Parole Department

Mr. Jett entered the Federal Prison Service in November, 1954 as a Caseworker, and was promoted to his present position in May, 1959. He supervises a staff of six professional and six clerical and administrative employees. The professional staff of caseworkers is involved in counselling the more than 1300 residents of the institution with problems relating to family matters, institutional adjustment, and parole and release matters. Another major responsibility is the preparation and evaluation of diagnostic summaries and reports used in resident planning and programming. Mr. Jett is active in civic affairs of the community and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Vigo County Association for Mental Health and the Vigo County Coordinating Council. A graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Jett has pursued graduate study at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.



Supervisor
Vocational Training

Mr. Wilbert Wychiff is a graduate of Texas Southern University with a B.S. degree in Industrial Education. He entered the Federal Prison Service in 1954 as a Related Trades Instructor at the Federal Correctional Institution, Ashland, Ky. He transferred to the Federal Correctional Institution, Brownwood, Texas, as Assistant Supervisor of Education (Vocational Training), and is serving the Terre Haute institution in that capacity. He is responsible for vocational instruction in twenty areas in which a maximum of 220 men can be trained at any one time. He interviews and recommends training programs for all incoming residents, reviews their progress, and counsels them on problems relating to their training interests.



Academic Instructor

Mr. Joseph Taylor, Academic Supervisor, entered the Federal Prison Service in 1948 as a Correctional Officer. He was promoted to Senior Correctional Officer in 1957, and to his present position in 1959. As a member of the Education Department staff, Mr. Taylor teaches in the academic program and counsels with residents regarding their educational progress. Mr. Taylor graduated from Kentucky State College with a B.S. degree in 1942 and from Indiana State College with an M.S. degree in 1951.



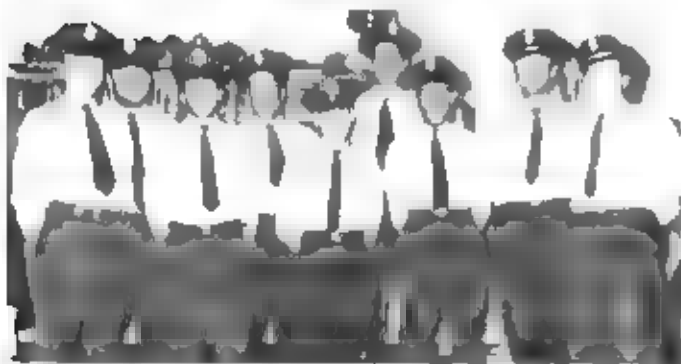
Case Worker

Mr. Webster Brewer entered the Federal Prison Service in May, 1960 as a Caseworker. In this position he prepares diagnostic summaries, counsels with residents who have special problems, and assists in programming to resolve these problems. He is very active in civic affairs of the community and is a member of the Crime and Delinquency Committee of the Vigo County Coordinating Council. Mr. Brewer attended public schools in Indianapolis and received his A.B. degree from Indiana University. He has done graduate work at the University of Washington.



Senior Correctional Officer

Mr. Glenn Graham entered the Federal Prison Service in March, 1958 as a Correctional Officer, and was promoted to Senior Officer in July, 1962. As a Senior Correctional Officer, his duties vary with his particular assignment. Because of his mechanical and construction skills, he often supervises crews performing work in these areas. Mr. Graham graduated from Garfield High School and attended Indiana State College. He and his family currently reside in Merom, Indiana.



POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Terre Haute Fire Department Station No. 10. Left to right: Clifford Phillips, William Reed, Billy Wells, Lloyd Coffey, Lt. Howard Edwards, Crawford Stewart, Charles Wines, Capt. Charles Merriweather, Capt. Stanley Stewart. Not shown — Leon McKnight.



H. TRIBBLE
Detective



K. MILLS
Patrolman



Orangie Smith
Patrolman

RELIGIOUS LIFE

The Church has always stood at the center of life in the Negro community, from the time of the founding of the first Negro congregation in Terre Haute until the present day. As the Church throughout history has nurtured the desires of men to be treated as God's creation, so the Negro Church has been a symbol of equality of all men under God.

In Terre Haute, as elsewhere, the religious faith of our Negro citizens has sustained them through whatever difficulties and obstacles that may have confronted them. With unswerving trust in their Creator, they have moved steadfastly toward

the realization of their dreams. "... who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord ..."

On February 12, 1968, the Directors of the Terre Haute Area Council of Churches invited the member churches to participate in a covenant of open church membership.

Aware that churches are inherently open to all who desire to join and that denominations have often stated this fact in official pronouncements, the Board of Directors felt that the Covenant of Open Church Membership would help the total community to understand their position.

TERRE HAUTE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Covenant reads as follows:

WE DO HEREBY COVENANT with other churches in our county to declare that membership in this church is open to all who seek admittance into its fellowship without regard for color, economic situation or national origin and to agree that this declaration shall be a matter of public announcement

The following twenty churches have signed the Covenant as of November 8, 1963

African Methodist Episcopal
Allen Chapel
Baptist
First
Second
Christian (Disciples)
Central
Evangelical United Brethren
Brandenburg
First
Kent Avenue
Episcopal
St Stephens
Lutheran
Trinity
Methodist
Centenary
Maple Avenue
Methodist Temple
Montrose
Saulters
Seelyville
Presbyterian
Central
Washington Avenue
Westminster
United Church of Christ
Bethany
St Mark
Mrs. Kay Thomson, executive secretary
Terre Haute Area Council of Churches



REV. SAMUEL JONES

REV. SAMUEL P. JONES JR.,
Pastor Saulters Methodist Church

Rev. Jones is a native of Arkansas where he received much of his formal education. He attended Danbar Junior College, Little Rock, Ark.; Arkansas A.M. & N. College, Pine Bluff, Ark., and pursued graduate studies in Counselor Education, University of Arkansas Graduate Center. He also attended Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. and received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. He has taught at Brown High School, Motrony, Ark., and has been a Migrant Minister for the National Council of Churches. During the two years he has been in Terre Haute he has taken an active part in religious and civic activities and is presently President, Terre Haute Branch, NAACP; President, Interracial, Inter-faith Vigo County Clergy Association; District Missionary Secretary, Indiana District; and Member of the Lexington Conference Board of Missions, St. Louis Area of Methodist Church.

Not Shown—Rev. Noel Hord, Pastor Second Baptist Church

Rev. Noel Hord is a native of Franklin, Indiana where he received his elementary and secondary education. He graduated from Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. He has been pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Terre Haute for twelve years. He has been very active in religious and civic affairs of the community and was Vice President of the Terre Haute Council of Churches for 10 years.

He has also been Treasurer of the Terre Haute Ministerial Alliance, and Secretary of the State Association. He was 1st Vice President of the BTU Sunday School Congress. In addition to these activities, he was also President of the Terre Haute Branch of the NAACP and was a Guest Lecturer on Old Testament Theology at Indiana State College.



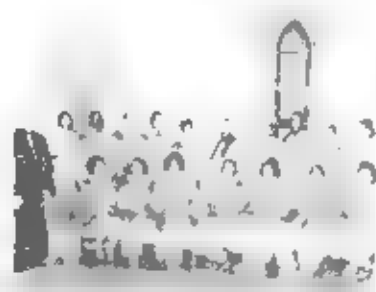
REV. EDWARD ABBOTT
 Allen Chapel, AME



ALLEN CHAPEL
 AME CHOIR



DR. JENKINS
 Free Will Baptist



First Free Will Baptist
 Church Choir



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Saulters Choir



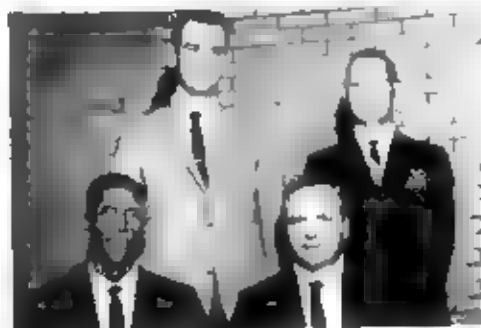
Spruce Street Choir



Saulters Choir



REV. STRAYHORN
Copeland Chapel, CMF



Vigo County
Clergy Association
Seated S. P. Jones, Pres., Saulters
Methodist W. Moody, Vice Pres., Wash-
ington Ave. Presbyterian.
Standing J. Coahzan, Secy., Otterbrin
F. B. D. P. Palmer, Treas., Wesley
Foundation



COMMUNITY CHOIR

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH SPEAKS

Giving expression to its conscience on Human Relations, the General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, meeting in plenary session at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in November, 1962, declared in part:

"The Church respects human personality which is inherent in every race, nation and creed. We believe that the Bible teaches that there is no basis whatsoever for a belief in the superiority or inferiority of any people. Therefore, the Church protests against all acts and practices of discrimination which are based upon racial, national, creedal or social differences. 'He has made from one, every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth.' (Acts 17:26)

"The Church calls upon all her members to commit their attitudes, their actions, and their influences in faithful witness to this fact."

In an open letter to the Churches in Nov., 1963, the Board of Bishops made the following pronouncement:

We, the Bishops of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, respectfully urge all of our people to be aware of this declaration made by the highest legislative body of the Church. We invite an intelligent approach to the problems we confront in this time of revolutionary changes putting this pronouncement into creative action where we live and work.

Terre Haute Area
Evangelical United Brethren Churches

THE BOARD OF BISHOPS

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**Memorial Service for the late President, John F. Kennedy,
conducted at the Copeland Chapel.**



Ministers pictured are: Front row: Fr. Rev. J. A. Barksdale, Rev. Perkins, Rev. A. L. Scott, Rev. Sandy Strayhorn, Rev. C. P. White; 2nd row: Fr. Rev. H. C. Carlin, Rev. Edward Abbott, Rev. T. Wesley Holiday, Rev. Park Edwards, Rev. Samuel P. Jones. A community choir is in the background.

Other Negro ministers in the Terre Haute area not previously shown are: Rev. J. H. Barnett, Rev. Morris B. de Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. J. M. Blaha, Elder J. Cheeks, Church of God in Christ; Rev. G. S. Debow, Church of Christ; Rev. R. H. Debow, Church of Christ; Rev. James Flowers, Elder Stanley Halton, Bethlehem Temple, Elder C. T. Hays, Church of Israel; Elder Elijah Hunt, True Gospel Tabernacle; Rev. W. R. Kirkland, Rev. L. O. Lapsley, Lost Creek Baptist Church; Elder Dick Moore, Church of God in Christ; Elder H. L. Nun, Elder McKinnis, Church of God; Rev. L. Byron Russell, Highland Baptist Church; Rev. Ray Russell, Terre Haute Gospel Chapel; Rev. A. L. Williams, Mt. Marian Baptist Church.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Man is a gregarious being and must of necessity be a part of a group. Groups or organizations are as old as time itself. In the earliest recorded history man banded together in homogeneous groups for protection against other groups, preying animals, or against the elements.

As history progressed people found that in addition to the protection afforded, organized groups also permitted the exchange of ideas, the singing of songs or the telling of stories. Inevitably these early tribes or groups found that togetherness offered more than the above. As groups were assimilated, the differences between the groups became less and the groups became more homogeneous to one or the other. Help for the less fortunate arises as a community responsibility as well as a sense of identification with one's neighbor.

Negro organizations as any others, serve many

purposes; social, educational, cultural, and for entertainment. They also serve as a medium for concert action to meet the needs of the community.

For many years the Negro community has had organizations which have been instrumental in uniting the people for the common good. Terre Haute has been fortunate in having many such groups or organizations. They have seen the need for service to their fellow man, Negro or White. They have organized, they have acted, they have provided inspiration and guidance to many through their community efforts. We are truly indebted to those organizations who through their actions have contributed to the welfare of this community.



GRACE W. EVANS

Grace W. Evans (1887-1952) was a native of Virginia where she attended public schools and Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. She was married to the late Frederick H. Evans and was the mother of eight children. She was quite active in the civic affairs of the Terre Haute community to which she came in 1915 and held the following positions during her active years: Member, National Women's Committee of Farmer-Labor Party, 1920; President, Indiana State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, 1935-39, as lobbyist in Indiana Legislature, made possible appointment of a Negro to the State Board of Education; Chairman, legislative department of NAACP, 1933-45; Chairman, Executive Board, NAACP, 1941-46; President, Central District Association of Colored Women, 1947-51; Life Trustee of Indiana State Club Home; Member, Eastern Star and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Mrs. Hood is a native of Ohio but spent her early years in southern Illinois. She is a graduate of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and has also studied at Miami University of Ohio and Purdue University. Her community services have been wide and varied, and she continues her active participation in community affairs.

She is a former teacher, insurance agent, and was a recreation officer and volunteer worker for five years. She was active in securing a home for Negro orphans in the community, was president of the Southside Day Nursery for thirteen years, and was secretary of the Phillis Wheatley Association for twenty seven years until the Corporation was dissolved in 1960. She was the first Director of the Hyde Community Center.

She is presently quite active in NAACP activities, and has been its local Secretary for ten years. She has also been its president, and was Secretary of the Indiana State Conference of Branches of the NAACP for five years. She has been cited for her outstanding contributions to this organization and to the local community on several occasions. Mrs. Hood continues as secretary of the Southside Day Nursery Board, is a member of HELP, and the Vigo County Coordinating Council.



DAISY E. HOOD

COLORED ORPHANS HOME

During the early 1900's, a number of white and Negro citizens interested themselves in securing a home for the colored orphans of the Terre Haute area. They became "The Vigo County Citizens Civic Welfare Committee," with Mrs. Daisy F. Hood as president. The County Council purchased the old Judge Swanwick home and, aided with the Citizens Committee in persuading the Federal Government to provide the \$100,000.00 needed to construct two buildings. With the integration of the Glens Home in 1963, these buildings were no longer in use, and they are now included in current plans for detention facilities for juvenile offenders.



PHILLIS WHEATLEY

First Row (Left to Right): Marguerite Taylor, Daisy Hood, Martin Lewis, Duane R. Hahnstedt
Second Row: Doreen Hood, Ova Lewis, Edith Bigham

The Phillis Wheatley Home Association

The Phillis Wheatley Home Association was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1923. It was to be used as a home for Negro working girls, but eventually became a home for Negro girls in general. The State Legislature passed an act in 1923. The building was located at 1165 Poplar Street. When dormitory facilities became available for Negro girls at the College and at the YWCA, the Board of Directors dissolved the corporation and sold the building. With the proceeds it bought a \$500.00 life membership in the NAACP and established a \$1,700 Scholarship Fund at Indiana State Teachers College. The first president was Mrs. Grace Wilson Evans. Others who served in that office were Mr. K. C. Clark, Mrs. Hattie Clark.

TERRE HAUTE BRANCH NAACP

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, founded in 1909 to work for full equality for Negro Americans, is today the nation's largest civil rights organization, with nearly 500,000 members in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Its membership is interracial and inter-faith in nature, and there are 1500 units of the Association.

The NAACP seeks to end racial segregation and other forms of discrimination in all public aspects of community life. This objective includes equal justice under law; protection of the right to vote; personal security against mob violence and police brutality; the end of discrimination in public education, in transportation, in housing, health and recreational facilities, and in such places of public accommodation as motels, restaurants and taverns.

The Association works along four main lines in pursuit of its goals. It uses the courts to secure justice and level racial barriers. It works for enactment of laws to protect civil rights and ban racial discrimination. It carries on an educational program in an effort to create a climate of opinion in favor of equal rights and human brotherhood. It also engages in selective buying campaigns, picketing and other direct action programs. Through these methods the NAACP seeks to attain its goals.

The Terre Haute Branch was organized in 1918, when the local racial situation was very much similar to conditions prevailing in the south. Since that time it has worked consistently and determinedly for the elimination of racial barriers in this area, and through its efforts much has been accomplished in the areas of education, elimination of police brutality, lowering of barriers in places of public accommodation and the opening of job opportunities for the Negro citizens of our community. Its membership now stands over the 600 mark, and all are working towards the leveling of the barriers to brotherhood.

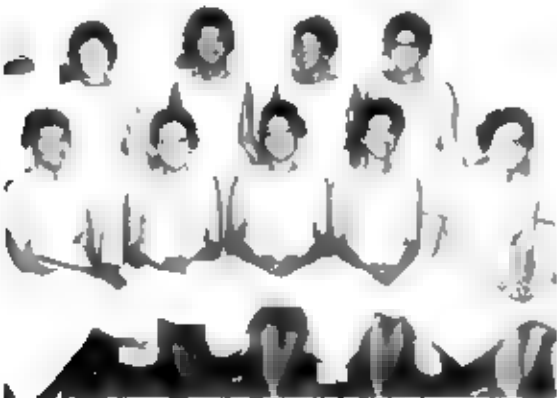


ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

Seated Left to Right: Carolyn Roberts, Mitlie Lada, Anne Hayes, Jess Williams, Mrs. N. Le. Taylor

Standing: Hattie Edwards, Letha Kenly, Clara Barnett, Ruth L. M. Dora, Grady Jane Shuckard, Clara McChen

Not shown: Pat Bristol, Thelma Jeff, Adelaide Sheaton, Wynona Owen, Grace Bennett, Sheila Mayfield, Katherine Jones, Vera P. Jackson, Josephine Harrod



ALPHA PHI

Seated Left to Right: Anita Rutledge, Louise Keaton, Barbara McGee, Thelma Russell, Marie Avery. Standing: Shirley Russell, Carol Anderson, Geneva McGee, Alberta Buckner



PAUL STEWART
33rd Degree Mason

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest national Greek letter sorority in America established by Negro women. It was founded at Howard University, Washington, D.C. in 1908, and has grown from a small organization to an international organization with an active membership of more than ten thousand college women. The purpose of the Sorority is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote sisterly friendship among college women, to maintain a keen interest in college life and to be of service to the world.

The Terre Haute Chapter Alpha Eta Omega received its charter in 1928 with five charter members. The local chapter has made many contributions to Terre Haute in community services of various types, scholarships, health projects, and financial support and in supporting many civic organizations.

Its 1963 officers are: Mrs. Nodie H. Taylor, Basileus, Mrs. Joseph P. Taylor, Vice President, Mrs. Ruth W. Roney, Secretary, Mrs. Omer M. Roney, Treasurer, Mrs. Clara Barnett, Tammachos, Mrs. Carolyn T. Roberts, Deacons, Mrs. M. L. Taylor, Publicity, Mrs. R. L. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary.

The Alpha Phi Sorority is organized for the purpose of promoting the education of young women, dedicated to the principles and ideals of a free democracy. In past years, Alpha Beta Chapter of Terre Haute has supported the Hyde Commission Center and is currently making plans to present a scholarship to some deserving student at Indiana State University. The 1963 officers are: Soror Anna Frances Rutledge, President, Soror Carol Jean Anderson, Vice President, Soror Stella Ethora Russell, Secretary, Soror Geneva McGee, Recreational Secretary, Soror Mitlie Marie Avery, Corresponding Secretary.

Fraternal and Civic Organizations

Most of the fraternal organizations are active in the Terre Haute area. Among them are the Odd Fellows, House of Ruth, Woodmen, Knights of Pythias, Masons, and Eastern Star. These bodies usually lend financial assistance to needy members, and to their death benefits. Their members contribute much free service in community activities as well as financial contributions to such agencies as the YMCA, Community centers, Day nurseries, and Red Cross.



Charles T. Hyde Community Center

Hyde Center was dedicated on September 17, 1962. A concrete office building belonging to the city of Terre Haute was set aside for use as a community center by the Mayor, the Honorable Joseph P. Duffy. Mrs. Daisy E. Hood, former Assistant Vigo County WPA Recreation Supervisor was employed regarding formation of a proposed plan for the Center.

Friends and well wishers supplied furnishings and equipment to the Park Board, renovated and decorated the building and paid the salary of the Center Director. Mrs. Gloria Crawford, Executive Secretary of the YWCA, gave dozens of books for the library, dishes for the kitchen and furnishings for the lounge; the WPA provided three workers and the city supplied the part-time workers.

The Chairman of the Board was Dr. F. H. Sloss. Mrs. Hood was made Director and Mr. Charles W. Winsten was president of the Boosters Club. With Community Fund backing, the Center was on its feet.

The Board named the Center for Mr. Charles T. Hyde, a civic leader and former teacher in Terre Haute and several Terre Haute, Indiana school systems. A native of Mt. Vernon, Ind., Mr. Hyde received his A.P. degree from Indiana State College and the M.A. degree from the University of Colorado. In addition to teaching, he was also Principal of Booker T. Washington School for many years.

Activities and programs at the Center have included: A YWCA sponsored Girl Reserve group directed by Mrs. Simmons, the Infant Center Project;

Day Camps—school and other recreational activities. Mrs. Ozora Cline is the present Director and has come on about 100 of relating the Center to the Community which it serves.

CIRCLE 16

The Circle 16 Service Club is an organization of men whose purpose is to provide recreation for the Negro youth of Terre Haute. The organization maintains a recreation clubhouse at 120 N. 13th St. and its facilities are also available to the adult community for recreational activities. Its officers are: W. H. McRae, President; Eugene R. Rasmussen, Secretary; Dallas Kay, Treasurer. The Circle 16 Auxiliary assists in maintaining the clubhouse and its officers are: Suzanne Roberts, President; Lonnetta Kay, Secretary; Nina Bridgewater, Treasurer.

Lexington Club

The Lexington Men's Community Club was organized in December, 1960 to afford a greater fellowship of Christian fellows up among the men in our churches. Its first members were Messrs. Rufus Backlock, the Rev. J. C. Williams, W. D. Jones and Bruce Nease.

The Lexington Club is a non-denominational organization open to all men who desire to serve their fellow men and to participate in local civic and religious projects. These activities include contributions to the Terre Haute Boys' Club, social calls to the sick and assisting local churches in fund raising programs.

Lost Creek Community Club

The Lost Creek Community Club was organized in 1945 to provide wholesome recreation for the people in the community. Shortly after organization, the group purchased a tract of land which was immediately put into use as a recreation area. A concrete block building has been erected on the site. The property was once referred to as Hamilton's Grove and is one of the old landmarks to many Lost Creek residents. The Community Grove is enjoyed by young and old as a refreshing place for recreation, community affairs, and for other activities. The Lost Creek community is very proud of maintaining their own recreation facility to promote the wholesome interests of its residents. The present officers are: Mrs. Clea Harris, President; Mrs. Merle Shepard, Vice President; Mrs. Oney Ross, Secretary; Mr. Paul Anderson, Treasurer.

Modern Maids

During the month of June, 1951 seven Terre Haute women organized the Modern Maids Social Club. Its purpose is to help those in need and to offer financial assistance to worthy young people attempting to secure a college education. Through various fund raising activities they have aided many worthy causes, and in 1955 they established their first four year scholarship at Indiana State College. This is now a permanent scholarship awarded to a local, worthy, Negro student.

The Modern Maids purchased its clubhouse at 1450 Elizabeth Avenue in 1962. The facilities permit the Club to carry on a full program of youth activities, and also provides a place for meetings and social activities. The organization has 16 members with the following officers: Ann Ladd, President; Ann Stewart, Vice President; Josie Brown, Secretary; Suzie Heater, Corresponding Secretary and Historian; Genevieve Duncan, Treasurer; Hiawatha Fisher, Chairman of Committee on the Sick; Anita Ford, Auditor; Helen McCroskey, Chairman of Program Committee. Other members are Anita Moore, Irene Knox, Margaret Clemens, Earlene Reeves, Sophia Thomson, Elizabeth Dyer, and Mary Opal White.

Rose Social Club

The Rose Social Club which was organized Nov. 17, 1951 at the home of Miss Anna Spinks Fitts, contributes regularly to charity. The six members also visit the sick of the community. The members are: Mrs. Mary Bass, Anna Spinks Fitts, Maggie Hardison, Bernice Peters, Marie Ross, and Ella Session.

Stardusters

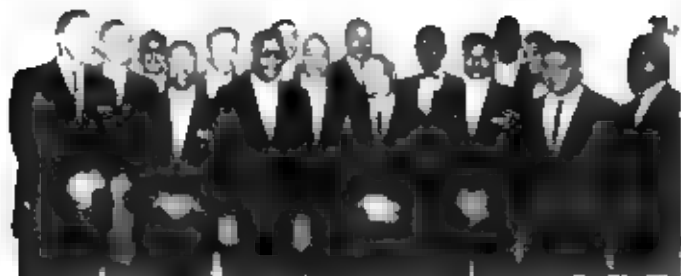
The Stardusters Social Service Club was organized in October, 1956 for the purpose of helping those less fortunate. They currently send get well cards to the sick, donate to churches, and give baskets of food at Christmas. The club has eight members with the following officers: Mrs. Willie Binford, President; Mrs. Henrietta Kay, Secretary; Mrs. Anna Griffith, Treasurer.

Young Men's Civic Club

The Young Men's Civic Club was organized by a group of young Negro men shortly after World War I to promote the educational, cultural, and civic well-being of the Terre Haute community. During the past years, the Club has assisted in the observance of Negro History Week, Health Week, conducted neighborhood improvement projects, and granted scholarships to the Saint Anthony's Hospital School of Nursing and to Indiana State College. The Young Men's Civic Club has also presented many accomplished musicians and literary personages to the community.

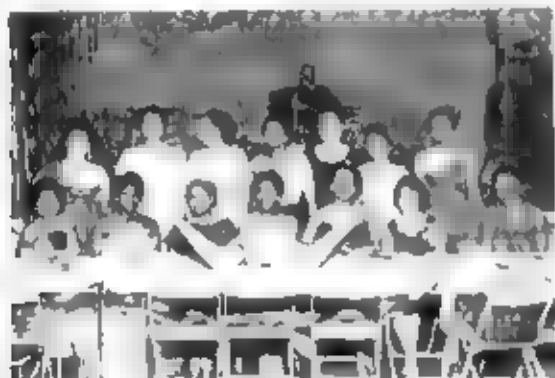
Y's Urbans

The Y's Urbans was organized in the fall of 1949 within the framework of the YWCA. Its purpose is to build a Christian fellowship of women and girls, especially students and working girls and women. The present program includes contributions to the United Fund and World Fellowship; projects for the South Side Day Nursery, and a visit and gift to the Vigo County Home. The 1963-64 officers are Miss Ella Parrish, President; Mrs. Hazel Ross, Vice President; Mrs. Anita Rutledge, Secretary; Mrs. Clea Harris, Treasurer, and Mrs. Charlene Walden, Program Chairman. Mrs. Lewis Anderson is the organization's sponsor.



REVELIERS

Left to Right: Robert Russell, Orval Avery, J. C. Rutledge, Leon Pitts, Fred Avery, Ray Charles, Gust, Thomas Waldon, Jr., Stephen Golf, Doctor D. A. Hoover, Heze Eason, Wallace Webb, Richard Buckner, Richard Mills, Herman Roberts, Edward Russell, Eckler Brooks. Not Shown: Howard Edwards.



REVELETTES

Seated Left to Right: Elsie Pitts, Laura Jean Benson, Emma Mae Rutledge, Lena Brooks, Dolly Hoover, Gloria Russell, Helen Webb. Standing: Sadie Avery, Cleota Waldon, Marie Avery, Alfreda Buckner, Opal Golf, Carolyn Roberts, Frances Mills. Not Shown: Meraleen Edwards.

REVELIERS, INC.

In December, 1958, a group of eight (8) men assembled for the purpose of organizing a social and civic organization. From this assembly, the REVELIERS, INC., was formed. At present, there are sixteen members who have established a strong bond of friendship through which they work together to promote a better social life in the community.

One of the objectives of this organization is to help the community successfully meet any civic need with which it may be confronted. Annually, contributions are made to the ISC General Scholarship Fund and United Fund.

Officers of the organization are as follows:

President	Eckler E. Brooks
Vice Pres.	Robert L. Russell
Recording Secretary	Wallace Webb
Financial Secretary	Thomas G. Waldon, Jr.
Treasurer	Orval Avery

THE REVELETTES

The Revelettes was organized as an auxiliary of the Reveliers. It is presently making gowns and pads for the Cancer Society and helping the sick of the community by giving Health Aid Kits. Its present officers are: Frances Mills, President; Elsie Pitts, Vice President; Meraleen Edwards, Secretary; Emma Mae Rutledge, Treasurer; Cleota Waldon, Financial Secretary; Lena Brooks, Finance Chairman; Marie Eason, Program Chairman; Helen Webb, Courtesy Chairman.

"NOW IS

Address Delivered by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Freedom March,
Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963.

"This will go down as one of the greatest days in American history . . . as one of the greatest, if not the greatest demonstrations of human dignity in the United States. It will spark some pangs of conscience in our country. Legislation to secure equal rights can and will be passed.

"We've come to our Nation's Capitol to cash a check. America has signed a promissory note — a promise that all Americans, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed certain inalienable rights; those of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious that America has defaulted that promissory note so far as her people of color are concerned.

"America has given the Negro people a bad check which has been returned marked 'Insufficient funds.' We refuse to believe that the Nation's great vault of opportunity is bankrupted. We refuse to believe there are insufficient funds for the bulk of the United States. We have come to cash this check for the riches of freedom and security of justice.

"We have come to remind America of the fierce urgency for freedom now. There is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or take the tantalizing drugs of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the darkness of segregation and racial injustice to establish a solid rock of brotherhood — now is the time. May justice and reality prevail, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow.

"I have a dream — a dream deeply rooted in the American dream — that one day this Nation will rise up and live up to the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'

"I have a dream that one day in Alabama little black boys and little black girls will be able to walk hand in hand together with little white boys and little white girls as brothers and sisters.

"I have a dream that one day over the red hills of Georgia former slaves and slaveowners will sit down to the table of brotherhood.

"I have a dream that the streets of Mississippi, sweltering with people suffering the fate of injustice, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

"I have a dream that one day my four children will live in a nation and not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character

"I have a dream that one day Alabama, with its vicious racists, will be a place where white boys and black girls will walk hand in hand as sisters and brothers."

"I have a dream that one day every way will be exhausted . . . rough places will be made smooth, and crookedness will be made straight — this is our hope and faith.

"The sweltering sum of Negro's discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating sign of freedom . . . 1963 is just the beginning. Those who think the Negro needs to blow off steam are in for a rude awakening if they think the country will return to business as usual

"There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwind of revolt will continue to shake the nation for there is something the people must say who stand on the walls and thresholds which lead to the palace of justice.

THE TIME"

"Now I must tell my people something. We must not be guilty of wrong doing in seeking to satisfy the thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatefulness.

"We must conduct a struggle on the claims of dignity not allowing progress to regenerate into physical violence but to meet physical force with non-violent force.

"The new militancy engaged in the Negro community must not make us distrust our white brothers. Just by their being here, they realize our destiny is part of their destiny. They are coming to learn that their freedom is coherent with our freedom. We cannot walk alone. We must make a pledge to walk together ahead.

"We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of police brutality. As long as his body is heavy with the fatigue of travel. As long as we cannot gain entrance in the cities' hotels and motels. As long as Negroes must move from smaller ghettos to larger ghettos. As long as black children must face signs reading: 'White Only.' As long as Negroes cannot vote in Mississippi, and as long as the Negro in New York believes he has nothing to vote for

"No. We are not satisfied and will not be until justice rolls down like water, and righteous like a mighty stream

"I am not unmindful that some of you came here out of great trials and tribulations. That some of you came from jail cells. That others came from areas where the press for freedom left you battered

by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. Continue to work with faith that honor and suffering are redemptive.

"GO BACK TO MISSISSIPPI. Go back to Alabama. Go back to Louisiana. Go back to the slums and ghettos of Northern cities. Go back knowing that something can and will be done. Do not wallow in the valley of desperation

"This is the faith I will take down to the South. That out of the mountain of despair, I can find a symphony of brotherhood. Faith will make it possible for all to work together. Faith will make it possible for all to play together. Faith will make it possible for all to struggle together. Faith will make it possible for all to stand up for freedom together knowing that we will be free someday.

"We must learn the real meaning of the song 'My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty.'

"Let freedom ring from the snowcap Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the slopes of California. Let freedom ring from the Stony Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill in Mississippi.

"When we let freedom ring in every city and state in the country, we will be able to see the day when black and white, Protestant and Catholic, Jew and Gentile, and all God's children will join hands and sing that old Negro Spiritual 'Free at Last, Free at Last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at Last.'

BUSINESS AND OCCUPATIONS

The Negro has proven his ability to compete in the marketplace, in the field of business and commerce he has held his own despite overwhelming odds. Starting out with little capital and even less encouragement, many Negroes in the Terre Haute area have founded and sustained, through the exercise of thrift, prudence, business acumen and determination, establishments of which we can be justly proud.

Matthew Arnold said, in his "Sonnet 2. To a Friend:

"Be his
My special thanks, whose even-balanced soul,
Business could not make dull, nor passion wild
Who saw life steadily and saw it whole."

We give recognition to these men who, though ostensibly having as their object the making of a profit — as must all men of business — still have found time to take an active and important place in the civic, social and cultural life of their community.

In a related sense, we also take note of countless numbers of our people who have gained employment in occupations heretofore closed to Negroes. We find them working as sales personnel and in other customer contact positions; we find them in advertising art, in display departments, in unit control, in communications, among them are secretaries and other office workers, and among them are an assistant chemist, an assistant manager and an assistant to a lawyer. We also find them in offices and factories, in department stores and supermarkets, in clothing stores and five-and-dimes, and their jobs demand skill, technical know-how and leadership.

Mr. Tichenor recently celebrated his 82d birthday. In 1931 he made his first violin and until his retirement in 1955 he custom made violins and gunstocks for local citizens. Although retired, he continues to repair gunstocks on special order.

These are they who lend encouragement and inspiration to those of their race who follow, and who will look upon them as models when vocations are weighed and decided upon.



ORESTES HOOD

Mr. Hood is a native Hoosier and attended public schools in Martinsville, Ind. He attended the Purdue University School of Electrical Engineering and until his retirement was a technician for their Audio Visual Department. Mr. Hood has taught high school in Illinois and Indiana and has been active in the electrical field for many years. He was formerly in charge of service for the Terre Haute Battery Co. and later operated his own Radio service at 5th & Ohio Streets. He has installed public address systems in some of the local schools and was also chief trouble shooter for the Terre Haute Broadcast Listeners Association in this community.



FRANK TICHENOR

Mr. Ewing is the owner of the National Tailors Co. He began as a clerk with this company in 1945, was promoted to a sistant manager in 1946, and in 1956 he purchased the business following the death of the owner. He is the first Negro business man to locate on Wabash Avenue. Mr. Ewing is an accomplished musician and has been a member of the Executive Board of the local Musicians Union for the past nine years.



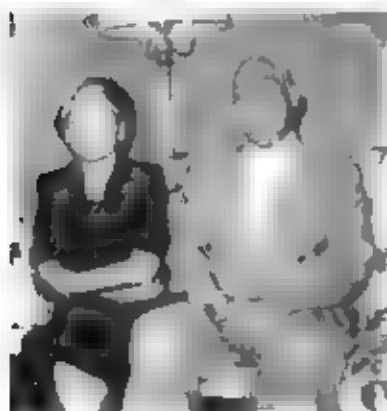
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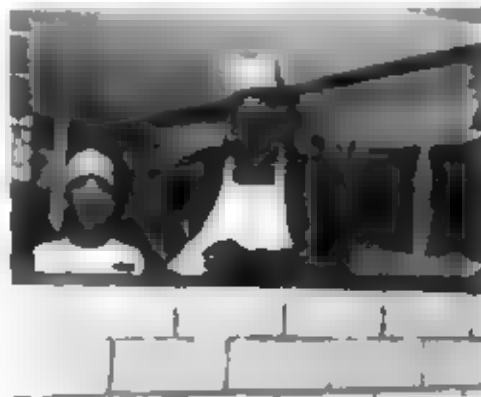
DOCTOR WINTON JONES
Pharmacist

Winton D. Jones is a graduate of Indianapolis College of Pharmacy which is now Butler University College of Pharmacy. He started business in 1925 on the corner of 13th & College. In 1942 he built at his present location, 1024 S. 13th.

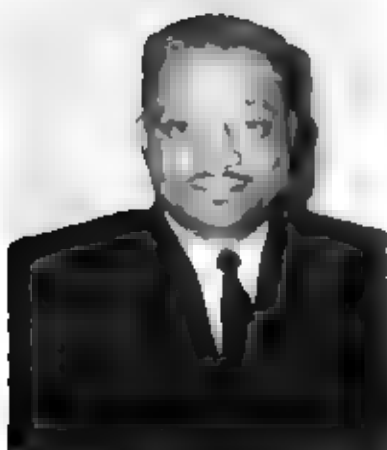
Dr. Jones is the leading Negro pharmacist in the city and is Terre Haute's only Negro druggist. He is an active member of the Lexington Men's Club and Saulter's Methodist Church located at 13th & Franklin St. Dr. Jones has been active in many civic and church affairs.



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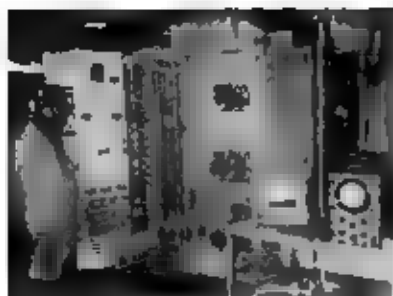
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Terre Haute is fortunate indeed in having many of whom we are justly proud. In every facet of our community life, there are many who project this idea, as the pictures throughout the pages of this book so clearly testify. The list included is by no means exhaustive.



ANNIE BENFORD

Miss Benford, who graduated from Gerstmeyer Technical High School (Class of '63), was Valedictorian of a class of 165 students. Very active in scholastic and social organizations, she was President of the Mathematics Club, a cabinet member of the Y-Teens, and the first Negro to be elected President of the Student Council at Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School. She has been awarded the Elementary Education Departmental Scholarship (Indiana State College), the Friends' Educational Fund for Negroes Scholarship, is a member of the National Honor Society and has received awards for scholastic excellence in English, Social Studies and Latin. Miss Benford, upon completion of her studies, will be more than qualified to teach and mold the children of a new America.

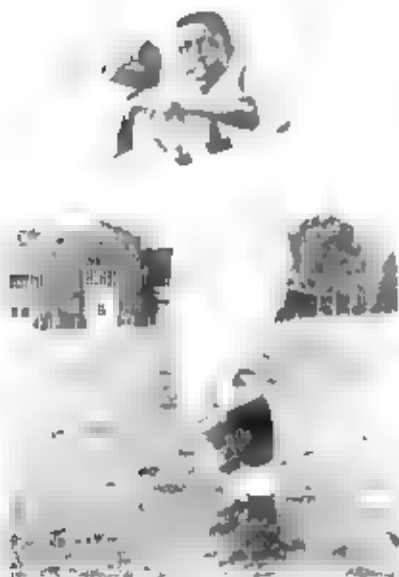


KATHERINE HORD

Valedictorian of the Class of 1963, Katherine Hord graduated from Wiley High School with many honors including the Award for Excellence in English (a poem of hers will soon be published in a national anthology), and the Latin Medal. Her 4.0 average placed her first in a class of over 230 students. Her brilliant scholastic record, plus her other personal qualities, has earned her one of the fifteen national scholarships awarded by the American Classical League and a scholarship from the Friends' Educational Fund for Negroes. These laurels, as well as her membership in the National Honor Society (of whose local chapter she was president), and the earning of the Danforth Foundation Award for Service, Leadership and Scholarship, amply testify to her promise for the future.



Frederick L. Hord, right, B.S. Indiana State College, June, 1963, Receiving the Governor's Award for being the outstanding Negro male student enrolled in Indiana colleges and universities during the 1962-63 year



Louie Lawson, a Junior at Gerstmeyer has made an enviable athletic record. He has been chosen as The Most Valuable Back on his team, and is a member of the All Wabash Valley Team, Western Indiana Conference Team, and second All State Team. He has set a school record with 33 touchdown passes. Among the many other promising young athletes are Theodore Sweatt, senior at Wiley High School, Theoisa Nunn, Indiana State College, Mike Phillips, senior at Gerstmeyer, Mike Harris, most valuable football player of the current year at Schulte High School.

Louis Jones, George Mills, and Bill Sweatt have contributed much time in coaching many of our younger youths at the Hyte Center in football.



James M. Wright, Jr., center shown with his parents receiving Eagle Scout Award

Lest We Forget

In the preceding pages of this Booklet, we have shown representative areas in which Negroes in the Terre Haute area are making progress. Space has prohibited our including all the persons working in new and interesting areas, and all the persons and organizations making significant contributions to the Terre Haute community. Neither have we been able to note the many business and industrial firms which we consider equal opportunity employers, however, we are indebted to them and to those included in this publication for taking the initiative in extending opportunity without regard to race, creed, or color.

Many of our Negro citizens have contributed much talent to the community apart from the normal scope of their employment or normal activities. They are all too often the unsung contributors to the cultural uplift of our community. Each frequently gives of his or her time and talent, and to them we are deeply indebted. Numbered among those contributors are: Lena Barnett, Warren Barbour, Pat Buckner, Opal Golf, Kathleen Jones, Millie Lyda, Elsie Pitts, and Jack Romby.

We must also give special thanks to the many who have given unstintingly of their time and money so that this Booklet might become a reality and a publication worthy of the purpose for which it is intended.

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